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Memorandum

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Subject: DO NOT CITE – DO NOT QUOTE: Blackwell Zinc Smelter Site draft PHA

To: Partner Agencies

Dear Partner Agencies:

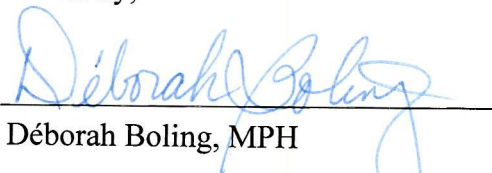
The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has completed a predecisional draft of the Public Health Assessment for the Blackwell Zinc Smelter site in Blackwell, Kay County, Oklahoma (see attached file).

This is a predecisional draft not meant to be released to the public. Several partner agencies have provided data, information, and other input for this report, and we are requesting that you review and provide comments. We want to obtain your feedback on data applicability and use. **We are asking that each agency send only one set of comments.** If you could, please let me know your agency's point of contact and I will follow up with that person. You may provide comments directly on the attached pdf report, or in a letter if that is preferable, and send it back to me via email or regular mail. After addressing your comments on this draft, ATSDR plans to release a public comment version of this public health assessment.

We are requesting comments by **March 15th, 2018**. ATSDR will consider agency comments prior to releasing a revised draft to the public for comment in 2018. We will be planning briefings and/or public availability sessions to inform Blackwell Zinc stakeholders and community members of our findings. We will work with all partner agencies as our plans develop.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or Patrick Young, ATSDR's regional representative in Dallas (young.patrick@epa.gov), if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


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